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SUBJECT: US/SPANISH FISHING COOPERATION: INDUSTRY REPS MEETING

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1. EMBOFF ON MARCH 15 INFORMED SPANISH ORGANIZER OF INDUSTRY MEETING MIGUEL MAIZA, DIRECTOR, (AGRUPACION NACIONAL DE BUQUES CONGELADORES) THAT US INDUSTRY REPS WOULD BE UNABLE ATTEND VIGO MEETING MARCH 16-18. MAIZA WAS MOST RECEPTIVE TO CANCELLATION, SINCE SEVERAL OF THE SPANISH RESP ARE OUT SICK THIS WEEK. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT US GROUP MIGHT BE ABLE COME TO SPAIN IN TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS AND WOULD ESPECIALLY BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSION OF PRICES. MAIZA SAID THAT MEETING IN THIS SUGGESTED TIME FRAME APPEARED FEASIBLE AND ASKED FOR FIRM INFORMATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER MAKE RESERVATIONS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

2. SPANISH PRESS MARCH 15, REPORTING ON PRESS CONFERENCE PREVIOUS DAY OF AGRUPACION PRESIDENT TOMAS RODRIGUEZ ZAPATA, STATED THAT "OFFICIAL SOURCES" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE CONFIRMED SPANISH FISHING IN US WATERS "WILL BE RAISED TO 18,000 TONS FROM THE PRESENT 9300 TONS IN JUNE. FURTHER, PRESS EXPLAINS THAT PURPOSE OF VIGO MEETING IS "TO ESTABLISH BILATERAL AGREEMENT" THAT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE AN ADDITIONAL "UNDETERMINED PERCENTAGE" INCREASE TO SPANISH ALLOCATION.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: ACCORDING TO MAIZA, PRESS ACCOUNT OF RODRIGUEZ COMMENTS HIGHLY INACCURRATE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT, WHILE FULLY AWARE OF TENTATIVE NATURE OF REALLOCATION, AGRUPACION MAY BE ATTEMPTING PAINT OVERLY ROSY PICTURE FOR SPANISH FISHERMEN. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NOTIFICATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WITH REGARD PLANS FOR INDUSTRY MEETING. SINCE ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY TO PROVIDE SPANISH EMPLOYEE TO INTERPRET FOR US INDUSTRY GROUP DURING PROPOSED MEETING SUGGEST THAT EITHER (1) EMBOFF (DOROUGH) BE PERMITTED ATTEND MEETING AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE OR (2) EMBASSY ARRANGE FOR PRIVATE INTERPRETER TO BE PAID BY INDUSTRY. PLEASE ADVISE. EATON

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